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TITLE: ALTERNATIVE FINANCING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM (AFTAP) – ONE AWARD IN FY 2002

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DATE ASSIGNED: 4/8/2002

DATE DUE: 4/18/2002

ANALYST SIGNATURE: Shal Carey

COMPLETION DATE: 4/11/02

FINAL APPROVAL: Joseph Schubert

DATE: April 11, 2002

OMB NO: 1820-0572 Expires 2/28/05

REG PART:

Rudolph, Kim

From: Carey, Sheila
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2002 10:24 AM
To: Rudolph, Kim
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approve 1820-0572 expires 2/28/05

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From: Nangle, Donna
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2002 2:53 PM
To: Rosen, Jeff; Gregory, Wava; Winters, Deborah; Wolfe, Christine; Lapointe, Richard; Carey, Sheila; Johnson, Janet; March, Greg; Friday, Melzetta
Cc: Cohen, Carol; Melia, Richard; Pledger, Connie; Brannon, Ruth; Corrigan, Frank; Fleming, Yvonne; Berland, Betty Jo
Subject: 224C notice

Here is the application (short) notice for our Alternative Financing Technical Assistance Program (AFTAP) for your review.

Could you please review and respond back with comments or questions to both Carol Cohen and myself by April 18th.

Please send all approvals to both Janet Johnson and myself.

Thanks.



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

(CFDA No.: 84.224c)

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
Notice inviting applications for one new award in fiscal
year (FY) 2002 for the Alternative Financing Technical
Assistance Program (AFTAP).

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM: The purpose of the AFTAP is to
award a grant to a public or private agency or organization
to provide information and technical assistance to States
participating in Alternative Financing Program (AFP).

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Parties eligible to apply for grants
under the AFTAP are public or private agencies and
organizations, including institutions of higher education
with sufficient documented experience, expertise and
capacity to assist States in the development and
implementation of the AFP carried out under this title. A
State applying for the AFP would not be eligible for
competition under the AFTAP.

DEADLINE FOR TRANSMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS: [INSERT DATE 60
DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

Estimated number of awards: 1

Project period: 12 months

Estimated award amount: \$250,000

The estimated funding level in this notice does not bind the Department of Education to make an award in this category or to the funding level, unless otherwise specified in statute.

MATCHING REQUIREMENT: There is no matching requirement.

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86.

PRIORITY

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and Title III of the Assistive Technology Act, the Assistant Secretary gives preference to applications that meet the statutory priority. We will fund under this competition only one application that meets the following statutory priority.

The AFTAP project must:

(a) Provide assistance to States preparing applications for the AFP;

(b) Assist States to develop and implement the AFP;
and

(c) Provide any other information and TA the Assistant Secretary determines to be appropriate to assist States to achieve the objectives of AFP.

We are particularly interested in applications that address one of the following invitational priorities.

However, under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) an application that meets an invitational priority does not receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications. The invitational priorities are: (a) activities that enhance, expand and maintain the data collection instrument; (b) activities that support data entered by the States, provide technical assistance on data collection to the States and produce a summary, description, and analysis of the data; and (c) production of a Technical Assistance Report that includes a summary, description, and an analysis of the data collected during the project period to be delivered to NIDRR prior to December 31, 2002.

SELECTION CRITERIA: In evaluating an application for a new grant under this competition, we use selection criteria chosen from the selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210. The maximum score for all criteria is 100 points. The selection criteria to be used for this competition will be provided in the application package for this competition.

Pilot Project for Electronic Submission of Applications

In FY 2002, the U.S. Department of Education is continuing to expand its pilot project of electronic submission of applications to include additional formula grant programs and additional discretionary grant competitions. The Alternative Financing Technical

Assistance Program - CFDA 84.224C is one of the programs included in the pilot project.

The pilot project involves the use of the Electronic Grant Application System (e-APPLICATION, formerly e-GAPS) portion of the Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS). We shall continue to evaluate its success and solicit suggestions for improvement.

Please note the following:

- Do not wait until the deadline date for the transmittal of applications to submit your application electronically. If you wait until the deadline date to submit your application electronically and you are unable to access the e-Application system, you must contact the program official listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT by close of business on the next business day.

- Keep in mind that e-Application is not operational 24 hours a day every day of the week. Click on Hours of Web Site Operation for specific hours of access during the week.

- You will have access to the e-Application Help Desk for technical support: 1-888-336-8930 (TTY: 1-866-697-2696, local 202-401-8363). The Help Desk hours of operation are limited to: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Washington DC time Monday-Friday.

- If you submit your application electronically by the transmittal date but also wish to submit a paper copy of

your application, then you must mail the paper copy of the application on or before the deadline date to:

U. S. Department of Education
Application Control Center
Attention: CFDA # 84.224C
7th and D Streets, SW.
Room 3633
Regional Office Building 3
Washington, DC 20202-4725

- You can submit all documents electronically, including the Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424 Standard Face Sheet), Budget Information--Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- Within three working days of submitting your electronic application, fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424 Standard Face Sheet) to the Application Control Center after following these steps:

1. Print ED 424 from the e-APPLICATION system.
2. Make sure that the institution's Authorizing Representative signs this form.
3. Before faxing this form, submit your electronic application via the e-APPLICATION system. You will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to your application).

4. Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of ED 424.

5. Fax ED 424 to the Application Control Center at (202) 260-1349.

- We may request that you give us original signatures on all other forms at a later date.

You may access the electronic grant application for the PRRC at:

<http://e-grants.ed.gov>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donna Nangle, U.S.

Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3414, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2645.

Telephone: (202) 205-5880. Internet: Donna_Nangle@ed.gov

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PROGRAM AUTHORITY: 29 U.S.C. 3001

Dated:

Robert H. Pasternack, Ph.D.,
Assistant Secretary for
Special Education and
Rehabilitative Services.